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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to December 3, 2004. Applicant has included a check in the amount of \$980 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.